



STATE of SOUTH CAROLINA

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Renata B. Hesse
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U.S. Department of Justice
601 "D" Street, NW
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Washington, DC 20530-0001

Re: DOJ Proposed Settlement with Microsoft

Dear Ms. Hesse:

As Attorney General of South Carolina I commend the United States Department of Justice and Microsoft for negotiating a settlement to the DOJ antitrust lawsuit. The parties conducted extensive negotiations with the help of a court-appointed mediator and have reached an agreement that needs to be implemented. The interests of consumers, market-competition and the national economy are best served by bringing this lawsuit to the agreed conclusion as soon as possible.

Yours very truly,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Charlie Condon".

Charlie Condon